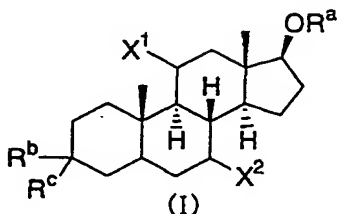


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compounds represented by general formula (I),
pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, or prodrugs of the
compounds or their salts:



Wherein X¹ is a hydrogen atom, X² is, for example a
carboxyheptyl group, R^a is, for example, hydrogen, R^b and R^c
for example, taken together with the carbon atom in the 3-
position to which they are bound represent an optionally
protected -(C=O)-, are useful as antiandrogenic agents and can
be used as preventives or therapeutics of diseases such as
prostate cancer, prostatomegaly, male pattern alopecia, sexual
prematurity, acne vulgaris, seborrhea, and hirsutism